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Additional space for further statements

By physician.

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3. SEX 4. COLOR OR RACE 5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF 6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) 7. AGE YEARS DAYS If LESS than 1 day,hrs. 8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work ... (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) (c) Name of employer

1. PLACE OF DEATH

(a) Residence.

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N. B.—Every item of CAUSE OF DEATH

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INFORMANT

(Address)

(STATE OR COUNTRY)

Resistered No.

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) 10. NAME OF FATHER 11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOW (STATE OR COUNTRY) 12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHE 13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (c)

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19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED

IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH?....

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH?.....

DATE OF BURIAL

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